



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Interim Director of Public Works  
Director of Planning

At its meeting held August 3, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Perchlorate, a known toxin and chemical component of solid rocket propellant, has in recent years become a groundwater contaminate of increasing frequency. The former Rocketdyne Santa Susana Field Laboratory in Ventura County and adjacent to Los Angeles County is a property known to be contaminated with perchlorate. As a consequence of this site’s contamination, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors recently considered amending their initial Study Assessment Guidelines to require groundwater and soil contamination testing for proposed discretionary development within two miles of a former or current rocket engine test facility.

“Given the proposed changes to Ventura County’s environmental assessment guidelines, and the fact that the Rocketdyne site borders Los Angeles County, this matter should be reviewed by the Directors of Planning and Public Works and they should make appropriate recommendations to this Board.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board instructed the Interim Director of Public Works and the Director of Planning to:

1. Review the recent changes to the Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines that require groundwater and soil assessments for proposed discretionary development projects within a two-mile radius of a former or current rocket engine testing facility;
2. Review the current procedures that Los Angeles County follows to analyze potential groundwater and soil contamination for discretionary development proposals proximate to known rocket engine testing facilities; and
3. Report back to the Board within 60 days with any recommendations that Los Angeles County should adopt in order that public safety is assured when approving discretionary development or authorizing other County public projects on properties located in close proximity to known soil and groundwater contamination sites associated with rocket engine testing facilities.

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